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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 7863, ACTION SECSTATE 16 APRIL:

QUOTE S E C R E T MOSCOW 07863

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STROBE TALBOTT

REF: STATE 97496

1. SINCE GROMYKO UNAVAILABLE POLCOUNSELOR DELIVERED 1015 SUNDAY, APRIL 16, TEXT OF SECRETARY VANCE'S MESSAGE ON STROBE TALBOTT TO HIGHEST RANKING MFA OFFICIAL ACCESSIBLE, AMBASSADOR KOMPLEKTOV, CHIEF OF MFA'S USA DIVISION.

2. KOMPLEKTOV SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT MESSAGE ASAP. SPEAKING "PERSONALLY" HE THEN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- IN LIGHT OF VITAL ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING MOSCOW VISIT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHY SECRETARY VANCE'S ATTENTION SHOULD BE DISTRACTED BY SUCH AN ISSUE. WAS THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF ONE JOURNALIST REALLY THAT IMPORTANT? (POLCOUNSELOR REPLIED THAT IN TERMS OF IMPORTANCE SECRETARY ATTACHED TO THIS, SECRETARY'S REMARKS SPOKE CLEARLY FOR THEMSELVES.)

-- WHILE HE HAD NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY MESSAGE FROM DO-BRYNIN ON THE TALBOTT CASE, KOMPLEKTOV WAS AWARE THAT TALBOTT HAD BEEN REFUSED VISA FOR MARCH 1977 VANCE VISIT TO MOSCOW. (WHEN POLCOUNSELOR ASKED WHY, KOMPLEKTOV MERELY REMARKED "FOR A REASON").

-- AS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE VISIT, THE SOVIET SIDE HAD RAISED TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES TO WHICH THE U.S. SIDE HAD NOT RESPONDED. (WHEN PRESSED KOMPLEKTOV REFERRED CIRCUITOUSLY BUT CLEARLY TO BACKFIRE ISSUE AND SHEVCHENKO CASE).

3. OTHERWISE, KOMPLEKTOV GAVE NO INDICATION AS TO ULTIMATE DECISION ON TALBOTT VISA. TOON UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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